



# Turkey Run State Park Nature Center Programs

 *This symbol designates a centennial program*


Thursday, September 1

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact. 30 minutes.

 **10:15am Build Your Own Log Cabin** – Try your hand at building an early 1800’s log cabin during this 45-minute program at the nature center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the basement of the Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out, or park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45.


## Labor Day Weekend

Friday, September 2



Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

 **10:15am Trees That Survived The Ax** - Gather on the nature center porch for this 1.5-hour moderately rugged hike to see some of the oldest trees in the park and hear how they survived being bought by a timber company.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


Saturday, September 3

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:15am Painting The Leaves** – Come to the nature center to find out just how our leaves change color in the fall and then make a leaf print notecard to take home with you. 40 minutes.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

**9pm Owl Prowl** – Meet at the nature center to discover our 3 most common owls found in the park, and then go on a 1-hour easy hike to try and call some in.


Sunday, September 4


Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:15am Nature Jeopardy!** – Come to the nature center to test your knowledge with a fun game of Jeopardy. 30 minutes. PRIZES!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

 **9:30pm Sounds That Scared The Pioneers** – Gather at the amphitheater (past Olympic pool) to hear strange sounds of the night and discover what makes them. 45 minutes.

## Hoosier Quest Program

**Earn pins & patches!**

**Get started at the Nature Center.**


## Labor Day Weekend

Monday September 5



Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

 **10:30am-3pm History Mysteries Photo Scavenger Hunt** – Look for and photograph some unique historic sites at Turkey Run using digital cameras, cell phones or tablets. Come to the nature center for instructions and PRIZES!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 6 & 7

Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday & Friday, September 8 & 9

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

Saturday, September 10

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am Spots, Claws, & Whiskers** – More and more bobcat sightings are occurring here at Turkey Run. Come to the nature center for this 30-minute program to discover where they live, what they eat, the sounds they make, and more!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends!*

**3pm Lusk Home Myth Busters Tour!** – Discover fact and fiction of the Lusk family mansion during this entertaining 1-hour tour. A \$2 per person donation is requested but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out, or park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45.

Sunday, September 11

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am Cotton Candy In The Sky** – Explore the cloud formations of our beautiful sky. Bring your own blanket to lie on as the naturalist points out the different types of clouds, how they form, and what weather they will bring. 45 minutes. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends!*

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Monday & Thursday September 12 & 15

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

*Also on Thursday, September 15*

**7pm Volunteer Meeting** – Meet members of the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades in our monthly planning meeting and see how you can get involved here at the park. INN basement.

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 13 & 14

Nature Center CLOSED

Friday, September 16

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.



**Children younger than 14 must be with an adult while in the nature center or at programs.**

# Turkey Run State Park Nature Center Programs



Saturday, September 17  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact. 30 minutes.

**10:45am Monarch Mania!** – Discover the amazing life of a monarch butterfly and play a fun game to see if you could survive the long migration flight that these winged jewels make every year. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended!*

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Sunday, September 18  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am Signs of Autumn Hike** – Explore the changes in nature that are beginning to occur as the leaves change, cooler temperatures arrive, and animals begin preparing for hibernation. Meet at the nature center for this 1-hour moderately rugged hike.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends!*

Monday, Thursday-Friday Sept. 19 & 22-23  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 20 & 21  
Nature Center CLOSED

## National Public Lands Day (NPLD)

Saturday, September 24  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. EDT

Join thousands of park visitors across the country this day, and help clean up the trails or eradicate non-native plants. Bring work gloves, drinking water, and snacks and a sack lunch if you like. Work an hour or work all day!

**9:30-10am NPLD Registration** – Register for your work project and pick up supplies and materials. Nature Center.

**10am Begin NPLD Projects Trail Clean-up & Scavenger Hunt OR Invasive Plant Eradication**

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**1pm Danger! Danger!** – Discover the threats to our natural resources here at Turkey Run and find out various ways you can help protect our beautiful park. From invasive plants and bugs, to pollution, we'll cover it all! Join us for this 30-minute program & 15 min. easy hike. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.*

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing.

**Hoosier Quest Program**  
**Earn pins & patches!**  
**Get started at the Nature Center**

Sunday, September 25

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am Bye, Bye Birdies** – Find out how our migrating birds prepare for and survive the long journey south during this 30-minute program in the nature center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

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Monday, Thursday-Friday Sept. 26 & 29-30  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 27 & 28  
Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, October 1

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am Fall Wildflower Hike** – It's officially autumn and the forests are filled with a variety of flowers that only bloom in the fall! Join us for a 1-hour moderate hike starting on the nature center front porch to discover what's in full bloom!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends!*

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.



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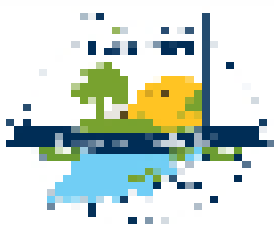
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